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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 5007

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR IN UR
SUBJECT: GROMYKO TO VISIT INDIA IN LATE APRIL

1. RANKING SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD THE CHARGE
APRIL 6 THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO
WILL COME TO NEW DELHI LATE APRIL. THE SOVIET SAID
GROMYKO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVITED TO VISIT LAST
DECEMBER VISIT HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND SOVIETS WERE NOE PLEASED
NEW INDIA GOVERNMENT HAD SCHEDULED IT SO SOON AFTER ASSUMING OFFICE.

2. THE SOVIET'S REMARKS CONFIRM THE EXCLUSIVE
APRIL 6 TIMES OF INDIA STORY REPORTING GROMYKO'S VISIT.
SIMILAR VERSIONS WERE CARRIED IN TWO OTHER NEW DELHI
DAILIES TODAY. WHEN ASKED INDEPENDENTLY ABOUT
THE TIMES STORY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOINT
SECRETARY PURUSHOTTAM TOLD THE ACTING POLCOUNS ON
APRIL 7, THAT THE MEA "COULD SAY NOTHING NOW", LEAVING
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US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE GROMYKO VISIT IS DEFINITE.

3. WRITING ON THE VISIT IN THE APRIL 7 HINDU,
COLUMNIST G.K. REDDY STATES THAT ALTHOUGH IT CAN BE
ARGUED NO SPECIFIC SIGNIFICANCE NEED BE ATTACHED TO
GROMYKO'S VISIT, IT ASSUMES SOME IMPORTANCE SINCE
IT WILL COME FOLLOWING THE CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT.

REDDY CONTINUES..." IT IS NOW MOSCOW'S TURN TO ASSURE INDIA THAT THERE IS NOTHING EXCLUSIVE ABOUT THE SOVIET CONCEPT OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT IS BASICALLY BILATERAL IN CHARACTER AND IS NOT, THEREFORE, AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUALLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES." REDDY CONCLUDES THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST BLOC COUNTRIES NOW HAVE TO LIVE DOWN THE BLATANTLY PARTISAN VIEW THEY HAD TAKEN OF INDIAN POLITICS IN THE PAST AND PROVE A READINESS TO ACCEPT THE NEW INDIAN REALITIES WITHOUT RESERVATION.

4. COMMENT: THE VISIT WILL BE A FURTHER STEP BY THE GOI TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUITY IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND TO REASSURE THE SOVIET UNION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON "GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT".
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